Pilots' involvement in plane accidents

*225. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased state:

(a) how many pilots were involved in plane accidents/incidents during the last three years;

(b) whether SAIL, Ranchi Aeroplane was involved in an accident on 17th November, 1994, at Bhubaneshwar;

(c) if so, what action was taken against the pilot; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) During the period from 1993-95 (till date), 19 pilots were involved in accidents and 35 pilots in incidents.

(b) A Twin Bonanza aircraft VT-DOR belonging to Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), Ranchi was involved in an incident at Bhubaneshwar on 16th November, 1994.

(c) and (d) Since there was procedural lapse on the part of the pilot, he was cautioned to be more careful in future.

Loans/Advances to Essar Group of Companies

*226. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased state:

(a) the loans and advances made by different public sector financial institutions to the Essar Group;

(b) the terms and conditions thereof;

(c) the details of foreign dealings of Essar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) The total assistance sanctioned and disbursed as on 30th September, 1995 by All India Financial/ Investment Institutions (*viz.* Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (IFCI), Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India Ltd (ICICI), Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI), SCICI Ltd., Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation (GIC) and Unit Trust of India (UTI) to companies under the Essar Group aggregated Rs. 4,743 crore and Rs. 2,347 crore respectively. Out of this, assistance sanctioned and disbursed by public sector financial/investment Institutions (*viz.* IDBI, IRBI, LIC and GIC) was Rs. 1,838 crore and Rs. 784 crore respectively.

(b) The loans sanctioned by financial institutions are covered by the general terms and conditions applicable to such sanctions, besides special conditions stipulated specifically for the project. Ther general conditions, *inter alia*, include security, stipulations regarding appointment of nominee director, constitution of project monitoring committee, management committee and audit sub- committee, undertaking of new projects, raising of fresh capital, declaration of dividend, appointment of chief executives and submission of periodical progress reports.

(c) IDBI has reported that activities of the Essar Group abroad, *inter alia*, include setting up of cold roll mills, trading including commodity trading, investment, shipping, equipment sourcing and chartering of oil rigs.

Impact of Scrapping of ENRON's Dabhol Power Project

*227. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of US financed projects in the power sector in the country with their locations; and

(b) the impact on these projects and also on India's position due to scrapping of Enron Project with reference to various clauses of the Agreement and also in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) As per information available, as on date,. US Investors have evinced interest for setting up 35 power projects in India. The location of these projects and their brief particulars are indicated in the Statement. *(See below)*

Statement

Tentative details of expression of interests by Private Sector Companies (U.S.A.)

S.No.	Name of Project	Foreign/ Indian	Capacity (MW)	Prov. cost (Rs. crs.)	Name of Company
ANDHRA PRADESH					
1.	Godavari	Foreign/ Indian-JV	208.0	748.43	Spectrum Tech. USA/ Jaya Foods & NTPC
2.	Jegurupadu GBPP	-do-	216.0	827.0	GVK Industries, USA
3.	Krishnapatnam "B' TPS	Foreign	500.0	1750.0	Basicorp Int. Power
4.	Nellore	-do-	530.0	1855.0	GSX Intl. Group Inc.
	TOTAL 4		1454.0	5180.43	
ASSAM					
5.	Amguri GBPP		280.0	1280.0	Assam Power Partners NEI, USA
	TOTAL 1		280.0	1280.0	
BIHAR					
6.	Jojobera	foreign/ Indian-JV	202.5	1240.0	Tata Steel/Mission Energy, USA
	TOTAL: 1		202.5	1240.0	
HIMACHAL PRADESH					
7.	Dhamwari HEP	Foreign	70.0	463.08	Harza Engg., Co. USA
8.	Hibra HEP	-do-	231.0	1020.0	-do-
	TOTAL: 2		301.0	1483.08	
KARNATAKA					
9.	Almatti Dam	Foreign	600.0	1900.0	Asia Power Co. Ltd. (Tapco), USA
10.	Devangontha	-do-	76.0	266.0	Independent Power Services Corpn.
11.	Haranga LBC HEP	-do-	4.5	15.75	North East Energy Services, USA
12.	Hospet TPS	-do-	500.0	2240.0	HOK Intercontinental Ltd., USA
13.	Mangalore TPS	-do-	1000.0	3654.0	Cogentrix Inc. USA
14.	Raichur St. V & VI	-do-	420.0	1750.0	Public Power Int. Inc. (NORTH EAST)
	TOTAL: 6		2600.5	9825.75	
KERALA					
15.	Vaipen	Indian/ Foreign-JV	500.0	1750.0	Finolex Cables Ltd./ Black & Veatch International
	TOTAL: 1		500.0	1750.0	

S.No.	Name of Project	Foreign/ Indian	Capacity (MW)	Prov. cost (Rs. crs.)	Name of Company
MAHARASHTRA					
16.	Dabhol CCGT (LNG)	Foreign	2015.0	9051.27	Enron Dev. Corpn. GE & Bechtel, USA
	Total: 1		2015.0	9051.27	
MADHYA PRADESH					
17.	Birsinghpur TPS	-do-	500.0	2000.0	Houston Ind. Energy India Ind.
18.	Maheshwar HEP	Foreign/ Indian-JV	400.0	1073.0	S. Kumars/Bechtel, USA
19.	Pench TPS	Foreign	500.0	2500.0	Soros Fund Management, USA
	Total: 3		1400.0	5573.0	
ORISSA					
20.	Bomlai TPS	-do-	1000.0	2362.0	Galaxy Power Co., USA and Indeck
21.	Duburi TPS	Foreign/ Indian-JV	500.0	1750.0	Kalinga Power Corpn. (NE Power, USA)
22.	Ib Valley TPS	Foreign	420.0	1993.63	AES Corpn. Ltd., USA
23.	Camalanga TPS	-do-	500.0	2400.0	L & T with CEA, USA
24.	Lapanga TPS	-do-	500.0	1750.0	Pioneer & Panda Engg.
25.	MESCO	-do-	240.0	840.0	Indeck Energy Services Pvt., USA
	Total: 6		3160.0	11095.63	
TAMIL NADU					
26.	Cuddalore TPS	-do-	1320.0	5664.0	Intel. Cont. & MKT Corp., USA
27.	Pillaiperumalnallur	Foreign/ Indian-JV	320.0	1120.0	Dyna Vision of Reddy Group
28.	Vembar TPP	Foreign	2000.0	7000.0	CRSS Capital Corp. & Intel Resources
29.	Zero Unit (NLC)	-do-	250.0	1325.11	ST Power System Inc.
	Total: 4		3890.0	15109.11	
WEST BENGAL					
30.	Bakreswar TPS (4 & 5)	Foreign/ Indian-JV	420.0	1860.0	DCL Kuljian Corp.
31.	Ballargarh TPS	-do-	500.0	2235.0	Balagarh Power Co. Ltd.
32.	Dankuni	Foreign	20.0	70.0	Spectrum Tech., USA
33.	Gouripore TPS	Foreign/ Indian-JV	150.0	732.87	BTS, TES, USA, BHEL, WBSEB
34.	Sagardighi TPS	-do-	1000.0	4960.0	DCL Kuljian Corp.
	Total: 5		2090.0	9857.87	
OTHERS					
35.	Energy Efficiency Cen.	-do-	200.0	700.0	JMC Devp. USA & Appolo Hospital
	Total: 1		200.0	700.0	
	Grand Total: 35		18093.0	72146.14	

(b) The decision of the newly elected Government in Maharashtra in August, 1995 to repudiate the agreement regarding the Dabhol power project of M/s. Enron and stoppage of construction work had raised concerns amongst foreign investors. However, the subsequent decision of the Government of Maharashtra to renegotiate the project with M/s. Enron, thus reconfirming their commitment to set up private power plants has helped in arresting the initial fears, for the time being. No serious impact has been perceived in the progress of the other private sector power projects or in the international market as a result of these developments in the case of the Dabhol project.

Harassment of Foreign Diplomats by Customs Officials at IGIA

*228. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether foreign diplomats have complained against the harassment by customs officials at the Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This Ministry has received a letter from the Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs that some foreign missions had reported non-cooperative behaviour by customs officials posted at Indira Gandhi International Airport. The main complaint was that the diplomats who were holding photo identity cards issued by the Airport Security were not allowed to enter the customs area meant for arrival of passengers.

(c) The Central Borad of Excise & Customs got the matter verified and restored the said facilities.

विद्युत क्षेत्र के निजीकरण के बारे में विश्व बैंक का दृष्टिकोण

*229. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 17 जून, 1995 के "बिजनैस स्टैण्डर्ड" में "वर्ल्ड बैंक ब्लास्ट्स पालिसी लैप्सिस इन पावर प्रोजेक्ट्स प्राईवेटाइजेशन" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

विद्युत मंत्री (श्री एन. के. पी. साल्वे): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) विश्व बैंक ने मुख्यत: हमारी निजी विद्युत नीति के उन क्षेत्रों के संबंध में टिप्पणी की है, जिनके विस्तार और प्रतिस्पर्द्धात्मक बोली, क्षेत्रीय सुधार विद्युत की लागत के संबंध में रोक आदि पर ध्यान देना अपेक्षित है।

(ग) सरकार ने विश्व बैंक द्वारा उठाए गए मुद्दों की जांच की है और इन मुद्दों का समाधान करने हेतु समय-समय पर उचित कदम उठाए हैं।

Amendment to RBI Act and Constitution

*230. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Reserve Bank of India Act to impose statutory limits on the Bank's net credit to the Central Government in a year;

(b) whether Government also propose to amend the Constitution to place constitutional limits on the Government's power to borrow from the market so that the future generations may not have to pay a heavy price for the profligacy of the present generation; and

(c) if the aforesaid amendments to RBI Act and the Constitution of India are not contemplated what other measures Government have in hand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Government is conscious of the growing debt burden. As a result of the fiscal consolidation programme initiated in 1991-92 the percentage of fiscal deficit to GIP was brought down to 5.9% to GIP in 1991-92 and 5.7% in 1992-93 as compared to an average of about 8% during the period 1985-86 to